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Advisory Action

1. Applicants' amendment and arguments filed on 3/12/10 have been duly considered. However, the amendment has not been entered given that it introduces new issues and would require further search and/or consideration.

2. With respect to the new issue, currently amended claim 1 incorporates the Markush group from previously presented claim 12 (now cancelled) only in part. Previously presented claim 12 recited a Markush group for the selection of pseudo-crosslinking agent consisting of hexanediamine, ethylenediamine, diethylenetriamine, potassium [sic]alminate, sodium [sic]alminate, calcium [sic]alminate, pyrocatechol, resorcinol and hydroquinone. In contrast to the earlier recited Markush group, the present amendment eliminates pyrocatechol from the Markush group. Given that the very basis of the rejection (of claim 12) under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Hori and Suzuki et al. in the final rejection relied on pyrocatechol as a crosslinking agent as taught by Suzuki et al., elimination of this species from the Markush group clearly changes the scope of the presently amended claim 1 from previously presented claim 12. Thus, the current amendment presents claims of a scope that was not before the examiner at the time of the final office action and hence, the amendment would require further consideration and/or search.

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Satya Sastri at (571) 272 1112. The examiner can be reached on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 7AM-5.30PM.

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